

REMARKS

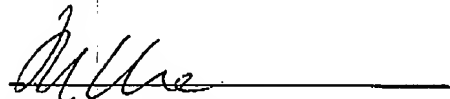
The Office Action of 02/15/2006 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected as being anticipated by Tarvas. Independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to incorporate the features of claims 5 and 9, respectively, which have been canceled. Claim 4 has also been canceled. The foregoing rejection as it pertains to prior claims 5 and 9 is respectfully traversed. Claim 10 has also been amended to incorporate the feature recited in respective claims 5 and 9, namely that the width of the patch conductor between the first and the second slots is selected to give an impedance less than a system impedance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Contrary to the rejection, Tarvas does not contain any teachings regarding the width of the patch conductor between the first and second slots being selected to give an impedance less than a system impedance. In fact, Tarvas makes no mention of the width of the patch conductor between the first and second slots.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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